

On page 61, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 314. PROGRAM ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SEMI-INDEPENDENT LIVING COMMUNITIES FOR VETERANS AND CAREGIVERS.

(a) **PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—Commencing not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall implement a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing and promoting semi-independent living communities for covered veterans and their caregivers.

(b) **COVERED VETERANS.**—For purposes of this section, a covered veteran is any veteran who is enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment established and operated by the Secretary under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

(c) **DURATION OF PROGRAM.**—The program shall be carried out during the three-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of the pilot program.

(d) **LOCATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program in not fewer than three sites selected by the Secretary for purposes of the pilot program.

(2) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In selecting locations for the pilot program, the Secretary shall consider the feasibility and advisability of selecting locations in the following areas:

(A) Areas that provide access to complementary services, including to services of the Veterans Administration.

(B) Areas that allow for group and individual interaction to occur through intentional community planning.

(C) Areas in different geographic locations and regions of the United States.

(e) **LIMITATION ON EXPENSES.**—In establishing and supporting the pilot program, the Secretary may expend amounts as follows:

(1) For planning and initial implementation of a pilot site, not more than \$250,000.

(2) For establishment and support of a pilot site, not more than \$750,000.

(f) **REPURPOSING OF PHYSICAL SPACE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (e), the Secretary may, in carrying out the pilot program, authorize the repurposing of existing Federally owned space as the Secretary considers appropriate for purposes of the pilot program.

(2) **REPURPOSING EXCEPTION.**—Existing physical space used for the direct delivery of health care to patients may not be repurposed under paragraph (1).

(g) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**—The participation of a covered veteran in the pilot program shall be at the election of the covered veteran.

(h) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **PERIODIC REPORTS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the commencement of the pilot program and not less frequently than once every 90 days thereafter until the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on activities carried out to implement the pilot program, including outreach activities to veterans and community organizations.

(2) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the commencement of the pilot program and not less frequently than once every year thereafter until the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the pilot program detailing—

(A) the timeline for completion, the locations selected, and conclusions of the Secretary as a result of the pilot program; and

(B) recommendations for the continuation or expansion of the pilot program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "North Pacific Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 11:15 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "International Parental Child Abduction."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Promoting College Access and Success For Students With Disabilities."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Recycling Electronics: A Common Sense Solution for Enhancing Government Efficiency and Protecting Our Environment."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Basant Sanghera, a Brookings fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today's session of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my legal fellow, Don Bell, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the calendar year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions, which were submitted earlier today:

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution en bloc.

Mr. REID. I ask consent the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.